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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned case, applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments to the claims.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-22 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please add the following as new claims 23-75:

--23. A composite comprising nanotubes that have an aspect ratio which provides said composite with electromagnetic shielding.

24. The composite of claim 23 wherein the aspect ratio effective for electromagnetic shielding is selected from the group consisting of at least 100:1, at least 500:1 and at least 1,000:1.